

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

April Wright,

Plaintiff,

v.

Asset Acceptance Capital Corporation,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.: 1:09cv911 TSE/JFA

COMPLAINT

For this Complaint, the Plaintiff, April Wright, by undersigned counsel, states as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. This action arises out of Defendant's repeated violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* ("FDCPA"), and the invasions of Plaintiff's personal privacy by the Defendant and its agents in their illegal efforts to collect a consumer debt.

2. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that Defendant transacts business here and a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this action occurred here.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, April Wright (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Madison Heights, Michigan, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

4. Defendant Asset Acceptance Capital Corporation (hereinafter “Defendant”), is a Texas corporation with a place of business in Virginia at 5004 Monument Avenue # 101, Richmond, VA 23230, operating as a collection agency, and is a “debt collector” as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

5. The names of the individual collectors are unknown but they will be added by amendment when determined through discovery.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

6. Plaintiff incurred a financial obligation that was primarily for family, personal or household purposes, and which meets the definition of a “debt” under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).

7. Thereafter, the debt was purchased, assigned or transferred to Defendant for collection from Plaintiff.

8. The Defendant then began attempts to collect this debt from the Plaintiff, which was a “communication” as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

9. The Defendant threatened to have the Plaintiff arrested if she did not pay the debt.

10. The Defendant threatened the Plaintiff with garnishment of her wages if she did not pay the debt.

11. The Defendant threatened to take further legal action against the Plaintiff.

12. The Plaintiff has suffered actual damages as a result of these illegal collection communications in the form of humiliation, anger, anxiety, emotional distress, fear, frustration, embarrassment, amongst other negative emotions, as well as suffering from unjustified and abusive invasions of personal privacy at the Plaintiff’s home.

**COUNT I**  
**VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

**15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.***

13. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

14. The Defendant threatened the Plaintiff with garnishment if the debt was not paid, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(4).

15. The Defendant threatened the Plaintiff with imprisonment if the debt was not paid, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(4).

16. The Defendant threatened to take legal action, without actually intending to do so, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(5).

17. The foregoing acts and omissions of the Defendant constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA, including every one of the above-cited provisions.

18. The Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendant's violations.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant:

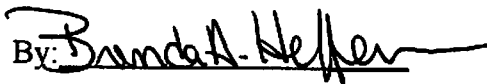
1. Actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1) against Defendant;
2. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A) against Defendant;
3. Costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) against Defendant;

4. Actual damages from Defendant for the all damages including emotional distress suffered as a result of the intentional, reckless, and/or negligent FD CPA violations and intentional, reckless, and/or negligent invasions of privacy in an amount to be determined at trial for Plaintiff;
5. Punitive damage; and
6. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

**TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED ON ALL COUNTS**

Dated: May 18, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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